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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LETTER TO SHAH RE C3 SURVEY

1. DEPSECDEF ELLSWORTH HAS REQUESTED TRANSMITTAL OF LETTER (PARA 2) TO AMBASSADOR (ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.). IF AMBASSADOR OBJECTS TO C3 SURVEY OR RAISING ISSUE WITH SHAH PLEASE LET US KNOW. SEPTTEL IS BEING SENT IN DEFENSE CHANNELS TO DEFREP WITH REPLY TO TOUFANIAN'S RECENT MESSAGE THROUGH AMBASSADOR TO SECDEF. DEFREP SHOULD COORDINATE ACTION WITH AMBASSADOR.

2. TEXT: DEAR DICK: A DOD COMMAND AND CONTROL SURVEY TEAM TO IRAN HAS BEEN DEFERRED ON TWO OCCASIONS IN THE PAST. SEPARATELY, U.S. PERSONNEL HAVE REPEATEDLY BEEN TOLD BY ALL THE IRANIAN SERVICE CHIEFS THAT A DETAILED COMMAND AND CONTROL SURVEY WAS NECESSARY. STILL, GENERAL TOUFANIAN RECENTLY AGAIN INDICATED A DESIRE TO PRECLUDE AN EXAMINATION

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OF IRANIAN COMMAND AND CONTROL PLANS AND PROGRAMS. THIS

MATTER IS OF GROWING CONCERN HERE.

AFTER REVIEWING GENERAL TOUFANIAN'S RECENT HARSH LETTER TO SECDEF, THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT A NEED EXISTS FOR

A THOROUGH REVIEW OF COMMAND AND CONTROL PLANNING. SUCH A REVIEW IS NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT THE IRANIAN PROGRAMS ARE ON TRACK AND THAT THE U.S. AND THE GOI ARE NOT WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES.

THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, GENERAL GEORGE BROWN, AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE SHAH PERSONALLY AND REQUEST HIS AGREEMENT TO SEND A U.S. DOD COMMAND-CONTROL TEAM TO IRAN IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THE TEAM WOULD BE HEADED BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND BE COMPOSED OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD.

FOLLOWING IS A PROPOSED LETTER FROM THE SECDEF TO THE SHAH THAT YOU SHOULD DRAW ON IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH THE SHAH AND COULD DELIVER, IF YOU BELIEVE IT NECESSARY, TO OBTAIN HIS APPROVAL FOR THE SURVEY TEAM.

"YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY,

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS, AS YOU KNOW, ENDEAVORED TO SUPPORT FULLY YOUR APPROVED PROGRAMS FOR ENHANCING THE MILITARY DEFENSE OF IRAN. WE WILL CONTINUE THESE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL EFFORTS IN THE FUTURE IN A WAY SO AS TO REDUCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, ELIMINATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

RECENT EVENTS HAVE UNDERScored THE NEED FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO STAY CLOSELY IN TOUCH ON THE MORE COMPLEX AND EXPENSIVE PROGRAMS.

WE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO ASSURE IMPROVED SUPERVISION OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE COMMAND-CONTROL-COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS UNDERWAY IN IRAN. IN THIS REGARD, I BELIEVE THAT A U.S. SURVEY TEAM, HEADED BY MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, IS A NECESSARY STEP AT THIS JUNCTURE. IT COULD RE-

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VIEW THE CURRENT SITUATION, EVALUATE IT WITH OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THUS ESTABLISH AN UPDATED COMMON DATA BASE--A NEW BENCHMARK, IF YOU WILL--FROM WHICH WE CAN JOINTLY PROCEED TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAMS.

IF YOU CONCUR IN OUR PROPOSAL, WE WOULD PLAN TO HAVE THE TEAM BEGIN ITS WORK IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

SIGNED DONALD RUMSFELD"

SINCERELY, ROBERT ELLSWORTH. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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